

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Cafeteria of the Mt. Hope High School on Monday, November 8, 2004. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mara at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Paul Silva, William M. O'Dell, Marjorie J. McBride, Timothy L. Avila, Beverly Z. Travers, John P. Saviano and Thomas E. Skuba; Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie Neubauer, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor
Also Present: Connie J. LaMountain and Deborah A. Redmond

Absent: Joyce M. Kinsella

**All present were invited to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
The Mt. Hope Chorus sang the national anthem.**

Dr. Mara presented plaques of appreciation to the out-going School Committee members—Connie J. LaMountain, Deborah A. Redmond and Mary V. Cabral (not present). Dr. Mara presented Mr. Estrella with

a gavel in thanks and recognition of his many hours of service as chairperson for the last two years.

Mr. Estrella commented that it has been a pleasure to serve as School Committee Chair and takes pride in the District staff.

Dr. Mara recognized many administrative staff and community members present, including David Bates, Raymond Gallison, Louis Rego, Frank Alfano, Al Galinelli, Ernest Mayo, Dennis Gregson, John Foster, Diane Mederos, Bristol Warren Administration and Staff, BWEA Co-Presidents Robert Evans and James Hagan, and Myra Webster.

Dr. Mara introduced the new School Committee members—Thomas Skuba and John Saviano; Joyce Kinsella was not able to be present and had been sworn in previously by Diane Mederos.

Dr. Mara then turned the meeting over to Judge Stephen Fortunato.

The Honorable Stephen J. Fortunato, Jr, addressed the new Committee Members, applauding their recklessness for taking on a job that is so much work with so little thanks, then administered the oath of office to the new School Committee.

The Superintendent declared nominations open for officers:

For Chairperson, Mr. Silva nominated Marjorie McBride, Mr. Avila

seconded. There were no other nominations for Chair. Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. Silva and Mr. Avila, moved that nominations be closed. On a show of hands, Mrs. McBride was unanimously elected as Chairperson, 8 to 0. Contact with Mrs. Kinsella was established after the meeting; she voted in favor of Mrs. McBride.

Mrs. McBride then took over the meeting as Chair, and opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Saviano, nominated Mr. Estrella. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Silva motioned to declared nominations closed; Mr. Estrella seconded. On a show of hands, Mr. Estrella was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson by a vote of 7 to 0. Mrs. McBride chose not to vote. Mrs. Kinsella later voted in favor of Mr. Estrella.

For Secretary, Ms. Travers, seconded by Mr. Silva, nominated Mr.O'Dell. There being no further nominations for Secretary, Mr. Silva moved that nominations be closed; Mr. Avila seconded. On a show of hands, Mr. O'Dell was unanimously elected as Secretary, 7 to 0. Mrs. McBride chose not to vote. Mrs. Kinsella later voted in favor of Mr. O'Dell.

For Treasurer, Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Estrella, nominated Mr. Skuba. Mr. O'Dell nominated Ms. Travers; Mr. Avila seconded. There being no other nominations for Treasurer, Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Estrella, moved that the nominations for Treasurer be closed. On a

show of hands, the vote for Mr. Silva's nomination of Mr. Skuba as Treasurer was 5 to 2 with Mr. Skuba, Mr. Silva, Mr. Estrella, Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Saviano in favor, and Ms. Travers and Mr. Avila opposed. On a show of hands, the vote for Mr. O'Dell's nomination of Ms. Travers as Treasurer was 2 to 5 with Ms. Travers and Mr. Avila in favor, Mr. Skuba, Mr. Silva, Mr. Estrella, Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Saviano opposed. Mr. Skuba was elected Treasurer. Mrs. Kinsella later voted in favor of Mr. Skuba.

Mrs. Redmond presented Mrs. McBride with a gavel and good wishes as Chair.

Mrs. McBride thanked the parents for all their work on the bond referendum.

The Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Vicki Boyle, sang a beautiful and moving selection.

Dr. Mara read a message from Richard Ruggiero of the Bristol Town Council: The Bristol Town Council is unable to attend this meeting because of a meeting they have scheduled for tonight. The entire Town Council offers congratulations to the newly elected School Committee members and wishes all School Committee members good luck for the next couple of years.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Silva, moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. On a show of hands, the motion was approved, 7 to 0. Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O'Dell, Secretary

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